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## COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	7
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### MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Insurance, to which was referred House Bill 1311, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning
- 3 education and to make an appropriation.
- 4 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 5 "SECTION 1. IC 20-20-37 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 6 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 7 JULY 1, 2008 (RETROACTIVE)];
- 8 **Chapter 37. Hearing Aids for School Corporation Students**
- 9 **Program**
- 10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the hearing aid**
- 11 **fund established by section 2 of this chapter.**
- 12 **Sec. 2. The hearing aid fund is established for the purpose of**
- 13 **providing funding to school corporations for payment for hearing**
- 14 **aids for hearing impaired students of the school corporation.**
- 15 **Sec. 3. The fund shall be administered by the department.**
- 16 **Sec. 4. The fund consists of appropriations from the general**

1 assembly, gifts, bequests, and other sources of funding.

2 Sec. 5. The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid  
3 from money in the fund.

4 Sec. 6. The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund  
5 not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same  
6 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that  
7 accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

8 Sec. 7. (a) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does  
9 not revert to the state general fund.

10 (b) There is annually appropriated to the department from the  
11 fund an amount sufficient for the purposes of this chapter.

12 Sec. 8. (a) A school corporation may at any time apply to the  
13 department for funding from the fund to pay for a hearing aid that  
14 is:

15 (1) prescribed:

16 (A) by a physician who is licensed under IC 25-22.5; and

17 (B) to a hearing impaired student of the school  
18 corporation; and

19 (2) prescribed, fitted, and dispensed for the student by an  
20 audiologist who is licensed under IC 25-35.6.

21 (b) The department shall, upon receipt of an application made  
22 under subsection (a), provide payment from the fund for the  
23 hearing aid.

24 Sec. 9. The department shall give funding priority to  
25 applications under this chapter for students who are less than  
26 fourteen (14) years of age.

27 Sec. 10. (a) The department shall create a hearing aid  
28 refurbishing program through which hearing aids that are no  
29 longer used by school corporation students and other individuals  
30 are collected and refurbished for the use of other individuals.

31 (b) The department may enter into an agreement with another  
32 organization to implement this section.

33 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008 (RETROACTIVE)]  
34 There is appropriated to the hearing aid fund established by  
35 IC 20-20-37 three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from the higher  
36 education commission operating account for purposes of  
37 implementing IC 20-20-37, as added by this act.

38 SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act."

- 1 Delete pages 2 through 3.
- 2 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to HB 1311 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

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Representative Fry